



West Lothian Golf Club

Analysis & Concept Design Report

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INTRODUCTION

Rennie Design Ltd Golf Course Architects have been commissioned by West Lothian Golf Club to undertake an analytical review of the existing 18-hole golf course within the overall facility. The study has been carried out in order to develop conceptual ideas and views of how the club can move forward in a sustainable, environmental and economic manner with development proposals. The commission has seen Rennie Design carry out an analytical review of the existing golf course providing professional external opinions on how the club may be able to enhance the existing facilities and future proof for many years to come.

Golf Course Architecture

Rennie Design offers International Golf Course Architecture services based in Scotland the home of golf. We are led by an aspiring young award winning Golf Course Architect Stuart Rennie who is the Toro Sponsored European Institute of Golf Course Architects (EIGCA), Student Architect 2009. He was fortunate to have won this award after studying on the coveted Post Graduate Diploma in Golf Course Architecture run by the EICGA and was also successful in passing the course with Distinction. Having studied many 'Classic' courses and the works of historical Golf Course Architects such as Old Tom Morris, Donald Ross, James Braid and Alistair Mackenzie, besides many of the modern day Architects, Rennie Design are proud to offer specialist restoration, renovation and design improvement services which respond to the classic design principles incorporating modern day Rennie Design philosophies. The Rennie Design philosophies integrate the historical golf architecture principles of designing with nature and strategic play, and combine them with analytical, environmental and contemporary approaches to design.

Golf Course Architect

Stuart Rennie is a qualified professional golf course architect & landscape architect and a member of the European Institute of Golf Course Architects. Stuart has worked for Peter Thomson's design practice in Australia and in London. This experience has seen Stuart work on projects throughout Australia, New Zealand, China, Middle East and the UK. Stuart formed Rennie Design Ltd in 2011 his specialist international design practice based in Glasgow Scotland, focusing on Golf Course Architecture & Landscape Architecture as well as Private/Public Garden Design and Environmental Consultancy. The varied professional experience and expertise allows us to carry out projects of any size from inception to completion. Rennie Design believes in building a strong professional relationship with the client team, which helps develop the optimum design solutions.

Select Experience

Rennie Design have worked on and completed similar projects at West Kilbride GC, Kirkwall GC, Stromness GC, Cawder GC and Inverness GC. We completed one of Scotland's newest golf courses, The Kings Course Inverness on behalf of the Highland Council from inception to completion and are currently working on a wide variety of projects.

PROCESS

The analytical process on any given project is of paramount importance to the success of the project. An in-depth analysis has been carried out across the West Lothian Golf Course to provide an overall understanding of the existing set up, studying areas such as the landscape character, vegetation, landform, health and safety aspects, playing strategy, playability for all categories and levels of golfer, key playing angles, bunker placement and positioning, maintenance, path network, slope, drainage and the like. A number of site visits, meetings with the greens committee, note taking, photographic studies and desk study research has been carried out and presented in this report format along with a presentational masterplan. One of the main objectives is to assess the challenge of the golf course for all categories of golfer looking at areas where the course can become an improved challenge for the better player without making it any more difficult for the average, or high handicap player and ladies. In fact, making an objective to ensure certain characteristics of the course and its playability are easier for the higher handicap player whilst increasing the challenge for the better player. The initial analytical study has been undertaken through both field and desk studies assisting in the evaluation and production of robust concept development.

This report is set out with initial hole-by-hole analysis documenting analytical descriptions on the top half of the pages. This is then developed into concepts for each hole on the lower part of the page which will be accompanied by a concept masterplan for the overall facility. This report has been presented to the greens committee. There may be an opportunity to display the masterplan in the clubhouse for review by the membership when desired.



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Hole 1, Grange - Par 4
395 - 389 - 384, yards

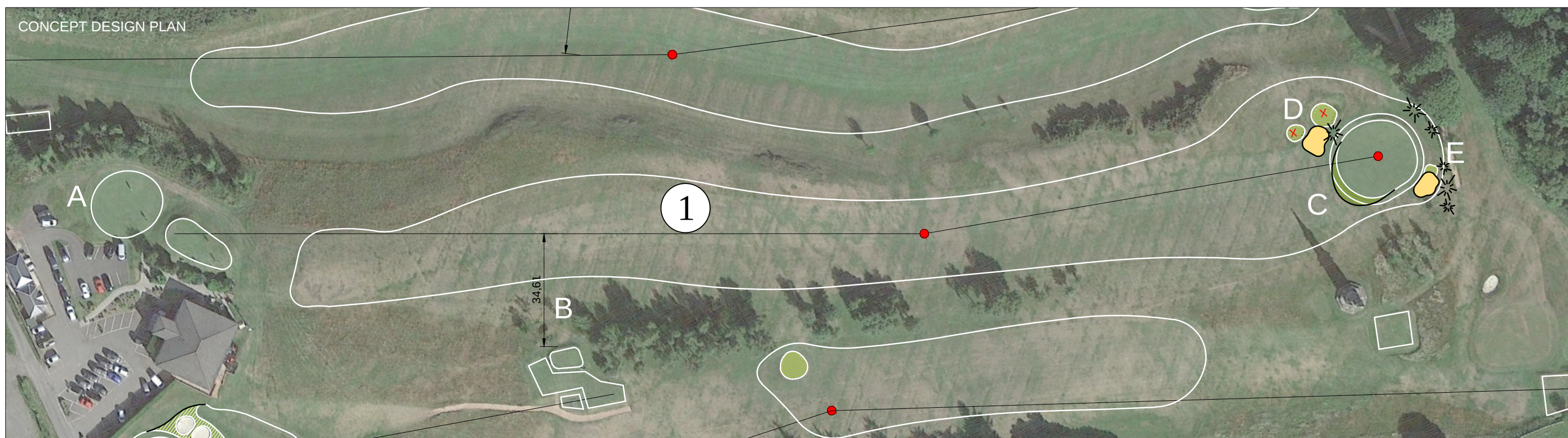


Analytical Hole Review:

Since last visiting, planting in and around of the 1st tees has been cut back creating better light and air flow along with opening up the views of the firth. The putting green has a good relationship with the first tee but lacks pin positions. The 1st tee shot is blind although the top of the monument is visible to aim at. A significant health and safety risk presents itself in relation to the 18th tees which are only 30m from the centerline of play, made worse by the player setting up right away from the 16th on the left. The tee aims slightly right. The bunkers short left have a poor relationship with the green, sit quite far out, lack shape and style. The bunker through the back right of the green is not visible but serves a purpose in collecting the through running ball. The green lacks pin positions and slopes front to back, the back of the green falls straight off down the slope to the connecting path.

Concept Design Proposal

- A. It is understood that additional parking may be useful, this should be designed to keep the putting green as best as possible. The putting green and 1st tee could be reshaped as one project.
- B. Consideration should be given to the health and safety risk with the 18th tees on the short right side. Moving the tee up the slope could provide space to move the putting green, capture some parking and reduce the risk at 18th tee. However, this may see the longer hitter having a go at the green from the outset and will see more stray balls going towards the 16th and 17th, which in some respect is protected by trees and bushes.
- C. In time the green may require to be rebuilt to capture more pinnable areas.
- D. Rebuild better located front left bunkers, perhaps 1 bunker is suffice.
- E. As part of green construction, support mounding to the back could be incorporated which may remove the need for the back blind bunker.
- F. There may be an opportunity to play this hole in a different direction but consideration must be given in a wider routing context.



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Hole 2, Saddle-Back - Par 4
390 - 380 - 373, yards

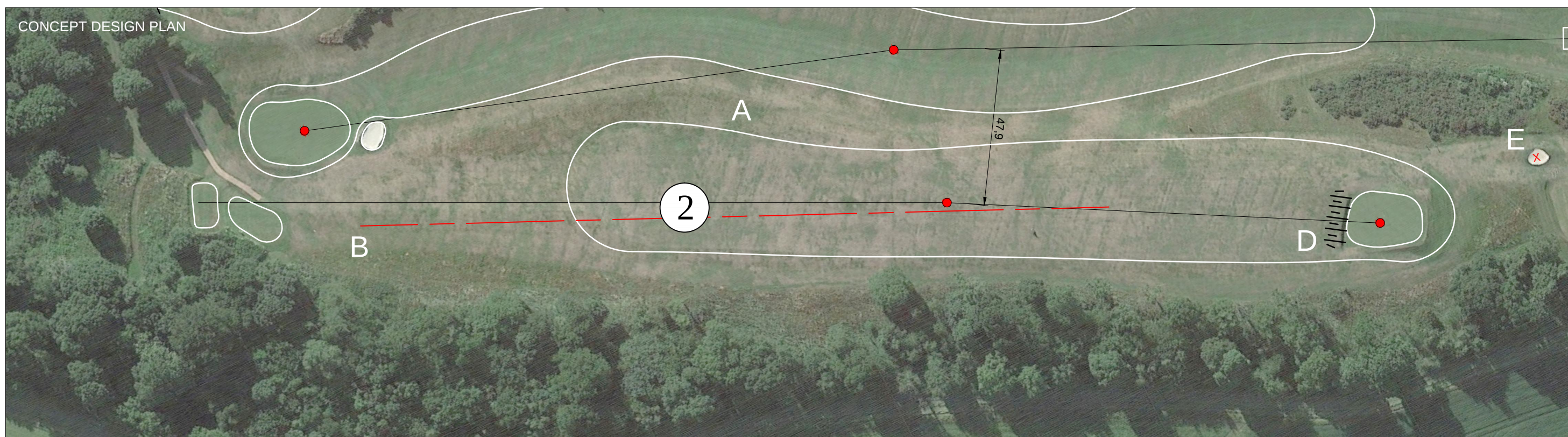


Analytical Hole Review:

The tee is relatively close to the 16th green, whilst being visible there is a moderate health and safety risk. The tee shot is blind and tight on the right side, the saddle back shape to the fairway will see balls going both left and right. Left presents a significant risk to those coming up the 16th. The green has a quirky ridge across the front. There is a fantastic panorama view of the Firth of Forth from the approach to the green and on the green. There is a winter green behind this green down the slope, this hole from the practice net is quirky and interesting.

Concept Design Proposal

- A. Consider whether some planting on the left would force the player right, this will however emphasise the draw shot and may slow up play.
- B. Moving the tee up may just move the health and safety issue further up but may force the longer player to lay back a bit.
- C. It is difficult to suggest much change without an alternative routing to help mitigate all of the health and safety issue in this top area of the course. The small area of land limits the prospect for change given that there are too many historical golf holes that run side by side with not enough width.
- D. Consider removing the bank running into the green, rock may be present. As a result maintenance will be made easier.
- E. The bunker on the winter hole behind is on the path to the next hole and disconnected with the green, fill this bunker with a view to create a new one short left of the green. This is a classy short winter hole which with a small amount of work would come back to life, ie. remove/manage some of the gorse on the hill short. There is a lovely view of the Forth Bridges from the green. Budget may be better spent elsewhere in the interim.



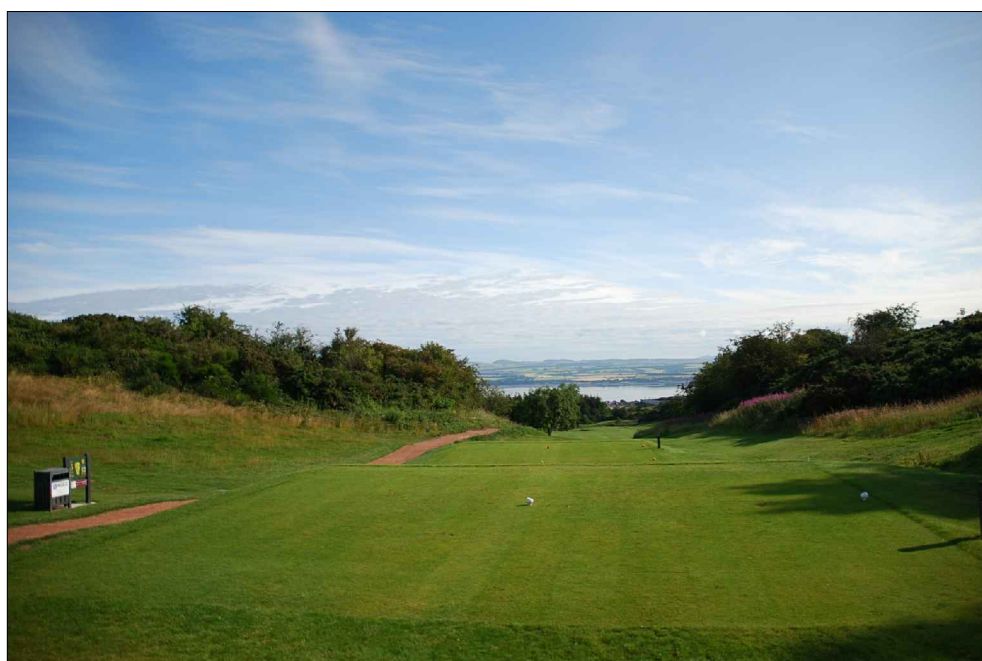
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Hole 3, Forth View - Par 4
350 - 340 - 336, yards



Analytical Hole Review:

Good downhill tee shot which feels quite enclosed, it feels like more emphasis should be made of the holes name to capture a much wider view of the Forth. Removing scrub and selective tree removal throughout will recapture the fantastic view. The high tee is a decent tee shot too. Sporadic tree planting has been carried out in the past with all good intentions but strategically they are not located well and perhaps the choice of species is not ideal, they also compromise the view.

The green is tight to the slope on the right side which will see water travelling across the green making maintenance difficult. It would be suggested to move the green to the left to give some space and allow for a decent sized swale on the right side to be incorporated. This would promote the selective removal of trees even more. The green is small and the bunker lacks shape and style, a new bunker can be incorporated.

Concept Design Proposal

A. Selective scrub and tree removal. Remove all saplings/young trees from left and right banks. Remove the first large tree which looks like it is not in the best condition anyway. This will open things up and allow for further selective removal.

B. Relocate the green to the left side. This will allow for water to be collected on the right side off the hill and naturally be directed towards the back ditch. A new green site will allow for a larger well shaped green to be constructed with an interesting strategic new bunker. This may also allow for some thought on the strategy of the hole with a potential new strategic fairway bunker. Thought and consideration will need to be given to the winter layout.

C. A detailed green plan will be required to ensure investment is sustainable. A topographical survey may be required for any new green location work to ensure that all correct levels are achieved and water flow is captured correctly.



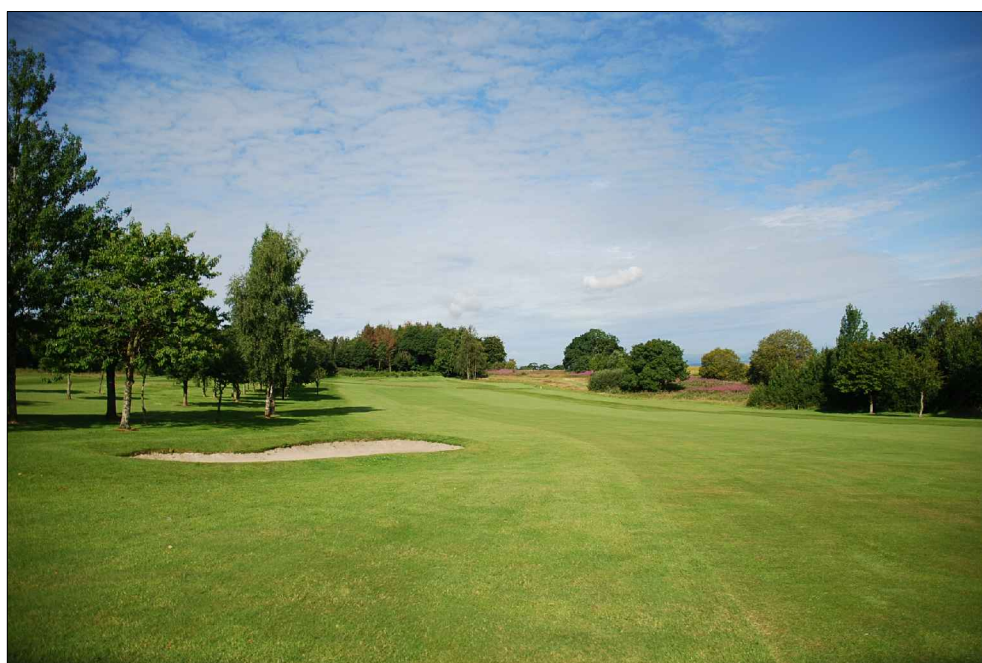
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Hole 4, Roman Road - Par 5
490 - 467 - 400, yards



Analytical Hole Review:

Nice view from the tee over the Forth to the west.
Blind dogleg to left tee shot with no real sense of direction from the tee, there is plenty of space out to the right but the tee shot requires something to aim at to improve direction of play.
Tree planting on the left side off the tee makes the left side feel tight, selective removal will make the ditch more visible.
The left bunker is flat and not visible from the back tee and may only come into play from the ladies tee or second shots from the back.
Not a great amount of strategy throughout the golf hole, wide tee shot, simple second lay up and relatively open shot to green with ditches.
Missing the green right is quite penal. Strategic rethink required. Green side bunker not in great condition.

Concept Design Proposal

- A. Selective removal of scrub/trees to improve the visibility of the ditch.
- B. Incorporate directional bunker on right side which may catch the long hitter, providing something to aim at.
- C. Propose one or two bunkers short of the ditch to make the player think about their lay up shot. Good players will have approximately 230y to the green or 200y to carry the ditch from a good drive which is risky.
- D. Improve apron landing area and move green side bunker to the right allowing for more of a bale out to the left. Missing right is quite penal at the moment with the ditch to the back and to the right of the green where the green slopes down to the ditch. Remove trees and fill/culvert the ditch to create a bigger apron and run off.
- E. Capture a small area of green to the left once bunker is relocated.
- F. The ditch running across the fairway could be shaped more naturally and become more of a feature/hazard.



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Hole 5, Tel-El - Par 4
335 - 318 - 304, yards

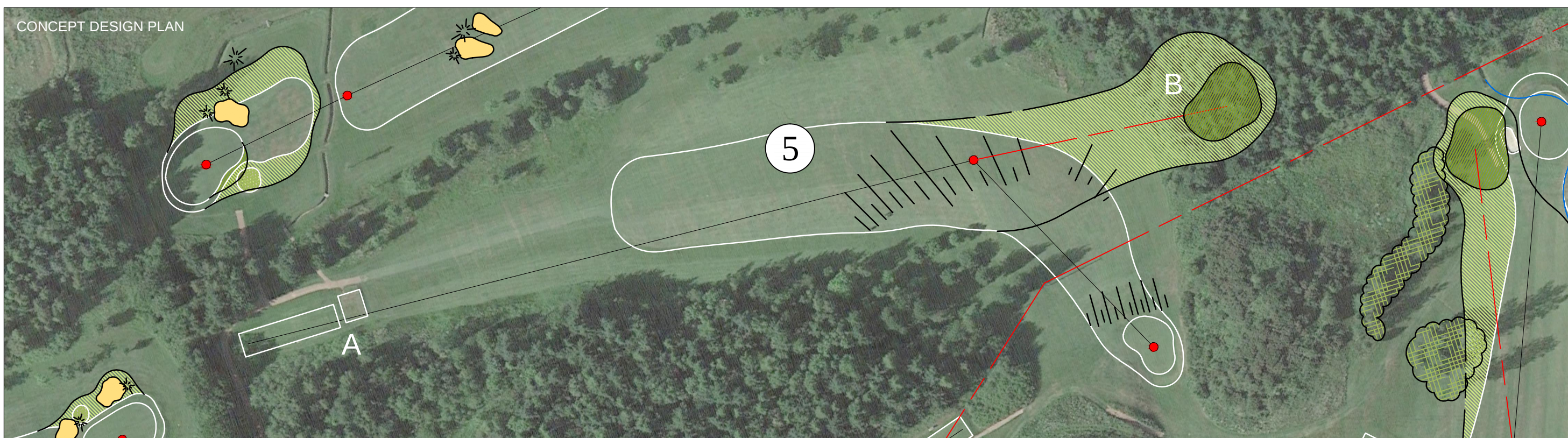


Analytical Hole Review:

Blind dogleg to the right with overhead power lines and poles impeding play.
The front portion of the tee could be incorporated into the existing tee or softened off to make maintenance easier.
The green sits in an awkward spot where natural overland water will flow through the valley and around the adjacent mound. The green is quite small too. It appears that a new green location should be considered but a new location will be compromised by the overhead powerlines, the sensible option would be to have a straighter hole and to clear a decent area of the woodland.

Concept Design Proposal

- A. Extend tee to incorporate the front portion or soften off to ease maintenance.
- B. Relocate the green in a more suitable location. This will require significant tree removal, root removal and potentially some localised earthworks which will require clear and structured planning. Some of the good quality approach, surrounds and greens turf could potentially be reused although it can be cheaper to buy new materials in. There is a ditch in the trees that could become a strategic feature in the new design.



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Hole 6, Kinglass - Par 3
153 - 149 - 142, yards

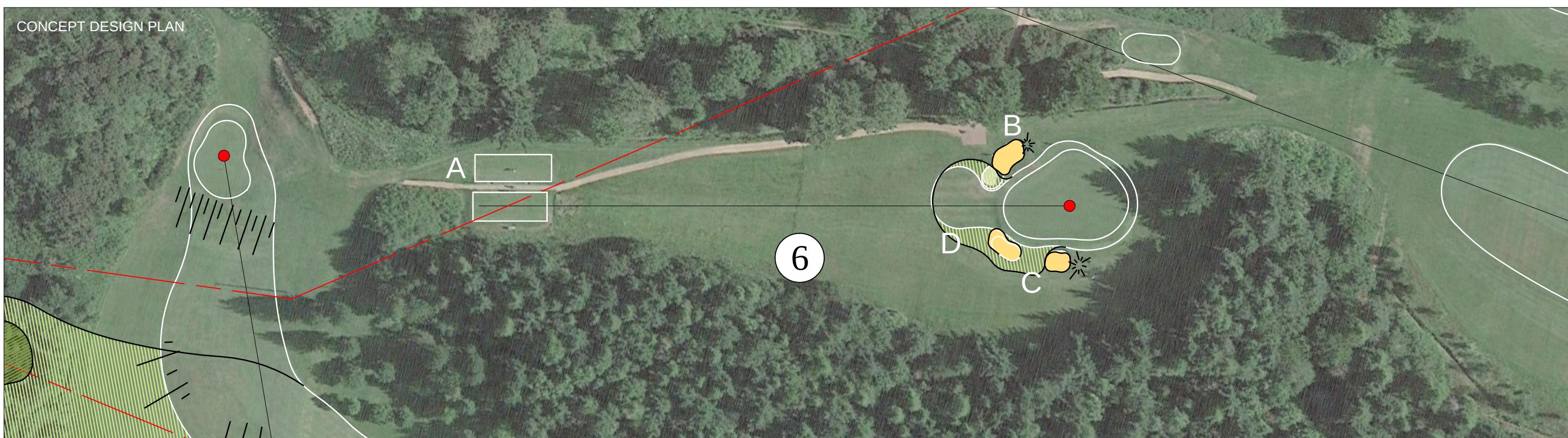


Analytical Hole Review:

Good looking par 3 with width and space. The hole could be more attractive visually and strategically. Two good sized tees with a bit of a random path between the two, the left tee appears to be compromised by the overhead power lines whereas the right tee less so. Perhaps enlarging the right tee would limit the requirement for the left tee. The green side bunkers are not overly visible. Two bunkers on the left side compromise the walk on and off the green. Scrub clearance through the back left has enhanced the hole. Good sized green with lots of space back left. There are some sharp slopes hear and there that if softened would be easier on maintenance. Could perhaps do with a clearer bale out or more pronounced apron to the front.

Concept Design Proposal

- A. Make right tee bigger and eventually remove left tee that is compromised by the over head power lines.
- B. Turn the front left bunkers into one with good supporting mounding to enable a higher sand line and visibility. This will give better access to and from the green. Where the old bunker is create a bit of a swale running out to the false front on the right.
- C. Rebuild both right bunkers, one slightly further round the front and the back with more support mounding to become visible.
- D. Improve the apron cut to add nice detail.



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Hole 7, Dumyat - Par 4
371 - 355 - 301, yards

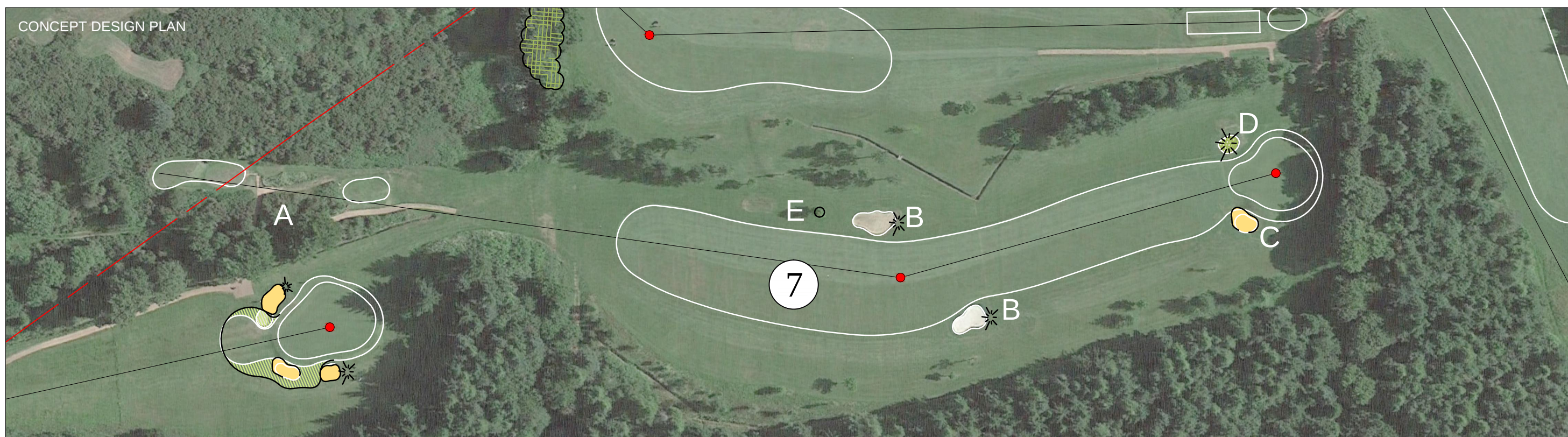


Analytical Hole Review:

A good bit of work has been carried out in and around the teeing area, the only issue is that there is no access to the back tee for trolleys and it looks quite tight to maintain. Where clearance has been done at the path, just take all the scraggly stuff out and open up the view coming through the path from the previous hole.
The bunker on the left side of the fairway lacks shape and style and has a random tree sitting in front of it.
Bunkers throughout are not overly visible.
Quite a good shaped hole and interesting shaped green, although the bunkers at the green are quite far away from the green surface.

Concept Design Proposal

- A. Selectively remove planting that has been left for some reason.
- B. Improve the shape, style and supporting mounding to both fairway bunkers.
- C. Improve the shape of the right side bunker although bear in mind the drain short left of it.
- D. Perhaps there is no requirement for two bunkers and the front left one could become interesting shaped textured mounding.
- E. Remove tree on left side.



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Hole 8, The Coffin - Par 4
302 - 288 - 276, yards



Analytical Hole Review:

Similar tee shot to the 5th hole, blind dogleg straight right but up a much higher hill for the second shot. The hike up to the green can not be an easy one. Traversing the power line again. Relatively nondescript golf hole.

A relatively accurate 200 yard shot followed by an uphill 100+ shot, the second shot is compromised with scrub on either side.

To improve the direction of play with something to aim at from the tee the scrub in and around the mature trees could be removed.

There is a lack of texture to the left of the teeing area, does the entire area need to be wall to wall cut grass.

The back tee is quite close to the 14th hole and likely a health and safety risk.

The green is relatively small and flat with very little shape to the surrounds.

Concept Design Proposal

A. Create some textured rough to the left side of the tee, improving the visual interest. When coming to re build the tee, perhaps both tees could be consolidated and moved slightly left.

B. Selectively remove scrub to open up mature tree trunks to help with directional play off the tee and provide the feel of more space on the second shot.

C. The Overhead power lines compromise alternative green positions. Feels like the hole is a bit of a compromise to get back up the hill which works quite well with the 15th for those who wish to just play nine.

D. Could the green be made bigger with a more interesting shaped back stop (rock may be present).



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Hole 9, The Quarry - Par 4
429 - 369 - 302, yards

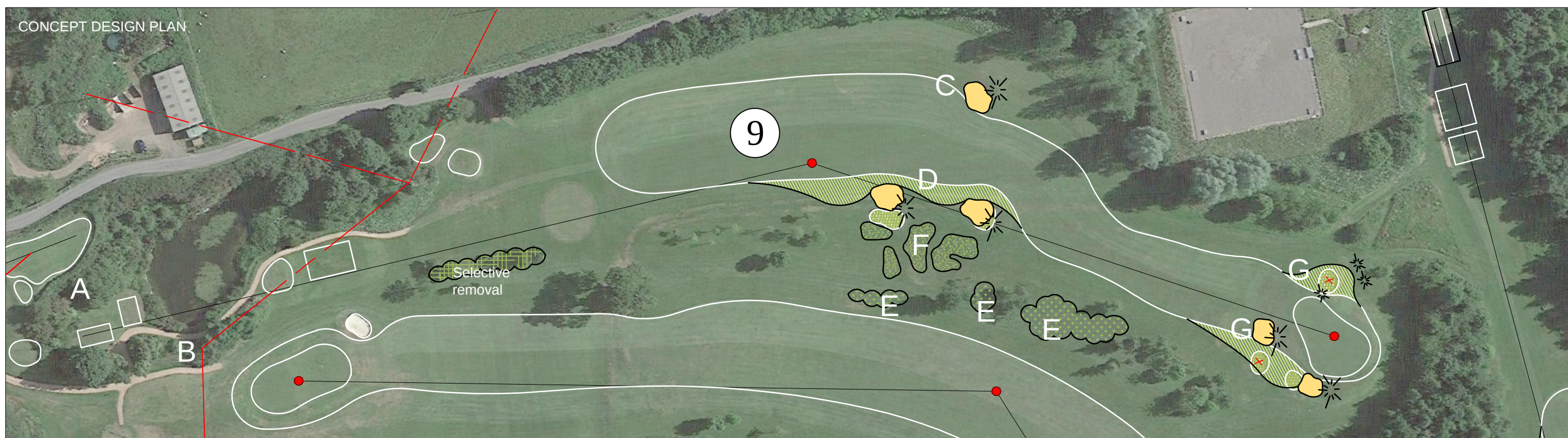


Analytical Hole Review:

Downhill par 4 has no real sense of direction from the back tee, the pin can be seen through the right trees which may entice the long player to hit down the 14th, this is clearly a health and safety issue. Minimising the option to go down 14th deliberately needs to be addressed. There is a landform on the left side of the fairway that may have once been a bunker, reinstating this would provide something to aim at off the tee. The fairway bunkers on the right are not visible from the back or yellow tee and both sit in the rough, quite far apart and are flat, lack shape and style. These bunkers could do with being rebuilt to improve visibility, strategic placement, style and shape. There is a relatively open entry to the green with bunkers that are not overly visible either side and have a poor relationship with the green. The green is a good size but the shaping around the green is not consistent with a big fall off back left.

Concept Design Proposal

- A. The new back tee is now built and all to a high standard. If there is an opportunity in the future, perhaps remove a considerable amount of scrub/trees towards the cliff face and push the tee over or make bigger to the left to push the player over a bit.
- B. Gap up the view of 14th.
- C. Re-instate the directional bunker, providing something to aim at.
- D. Re build the bunkers which could be placed slightly better in the landscape.
- E. Gap up the planting areas.
- F. Willie Park Jnr is known for creating really interesting grassy hollow landforms, as a nod to the historical architect perhaps build some interesting grassy landforms and hollows to catch the long player trying to cut the corner. This may provide some fill for works elsewhere and would be shaped to drain and not hold water. The cut rough is relatively easy to play from.
- G. Improve the strategic locations of the bunkers at the green and remove the left one leaving a bump and create a good quality run off.



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Hole 10, Ochils View - Par 4
329 - 308 - 299, yards

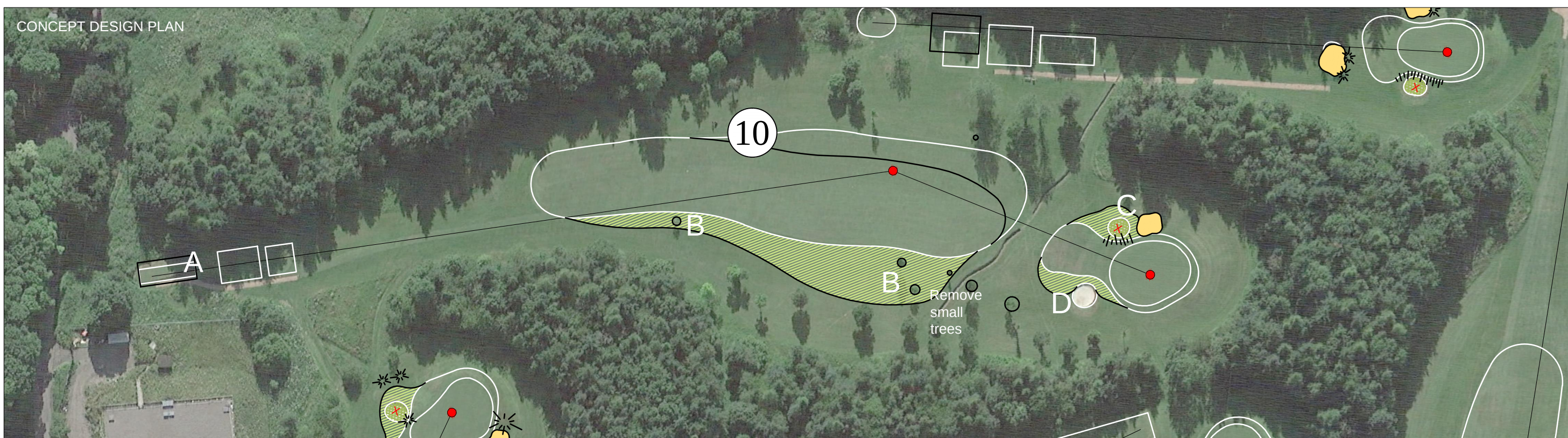


Analytical Hole Review:

Relatively short par 4 with a blind tee shot over the crest of a hill.
The back tee is quite thin, both the yellow tee and back tee could be consolidated.
The fairway could be cut further to the right.
Nice sized green which has a low point front left.
There is a back left filled bunker.
Quite a lot of cut rough throughout.
Good to see some thinning work to the back left which opens up views of the Forth and the next hole plus allows air and light flow.

Concept Design Proposal

- A. Widen back tee and improve accessibility.
- B. Remove small tree which will indirectly push play left and cut the fairway out further to the right which will push play further away from the 11th tees. Take further small trees on right side out where the fairway can be pushed over.
- C. Put the back left bunker back in and turn the front left one into a good quality run of to the left which in turn should help solve the low lying area to front left of the green. Install a catch basin and connect to drain locally.
- D. Re build the front right bunker and improve apron cut throughout.



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Hole 11, The Flints - Par 3
196 - 129 - 121, yards

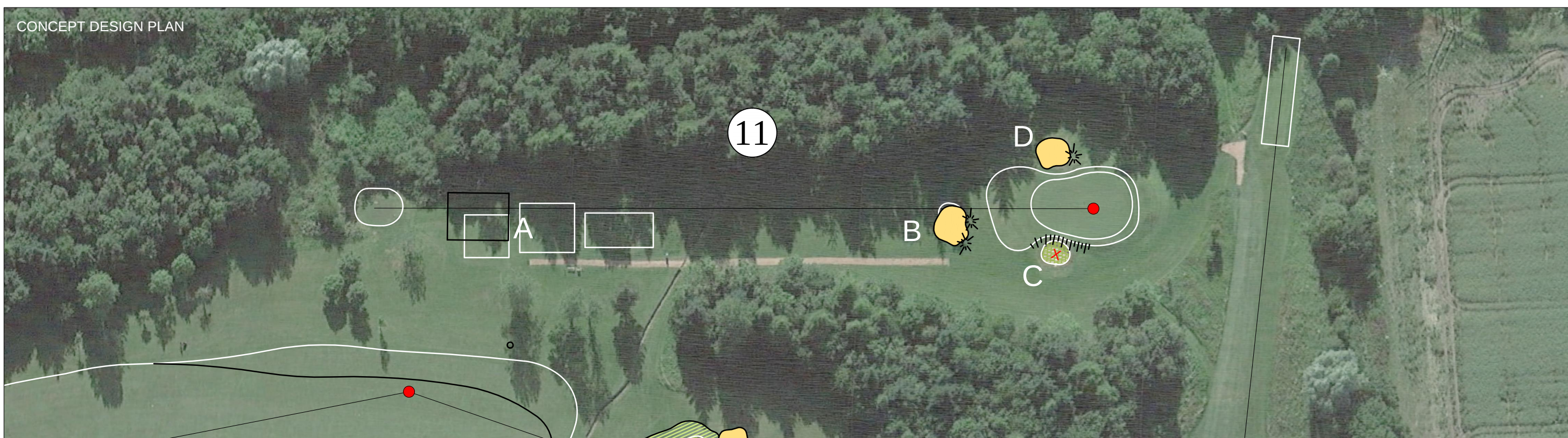


Analytical Hole Review:

Downhill par 3 with a view of the Forth and hills in the background. Long straight red gravel path is quite prominent visually but serves a purpose when this part of the course is wet.
Good number of tees, are all of them required. It would appear that the back take may be an addition to gain yardage when the hole is probably designed to receive a shorter shot.
The bunkering is not overly visible from the back tee. Left and right bunker require re-building to make them visible.
Some good clearance on the left side and on the right.
No clear strategy to the hole.

Concept Design Proposal

- A. Remove the back tee, create a new larger tee to the left slightly measuring approximately 172 yards. Perhaps consolidate the two tees in front of that.
- B. Improve the shape and style of the front bunker to make it a dominant feature with well shaped supporting mounding. The short bunker should deceive the sense of distance for the player.
- C. Remove the right green side bunker creating a good quality swale.
- D. Re-build the front left bunker.



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Hole 12, Roundel - Par 5
507 - 492 - 407, yards



Analytical Hole Review:

Long straight golf hole with interesting cut through the trees. Tree on left stands out and allows the player to set up and aim. The scrub under the right tree could be removed to improve the visual and playability aspect.
Good size teeing area. Hole is set up as pretty much a three shotter.
Short fairway bunker appears to be in a good position to make the player think on the second shot.
Bunker in rough short right behind a tree could be removed as it doesn't seem to serve a purpose.
Opportunity to improve the strategy at the green.
Nice view through the back left of the green to the Forth.

Concept Design Proposal

- A. Selectively remove gorse to allow mature tree to stand out on the right side. This will also make the player aware that there is a ditch hazard there too.
- B. Fill right side bunker.
- C. Re-shape the bunker in same location to become same style as the rest of the new bunkers with more interesting shape, style and visual appeal.
- D. Opportunity to create a cross bunker set up at the green with improved good quality apron.
- E. Selectively remove some scrub under the trees through the green.
- F. Cut fairway to bunkers, allowing ball to roll in, not slow up before the bunker.



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Hole 13, Westlin Wyne - Par 4
416 - 404 - 351, yards

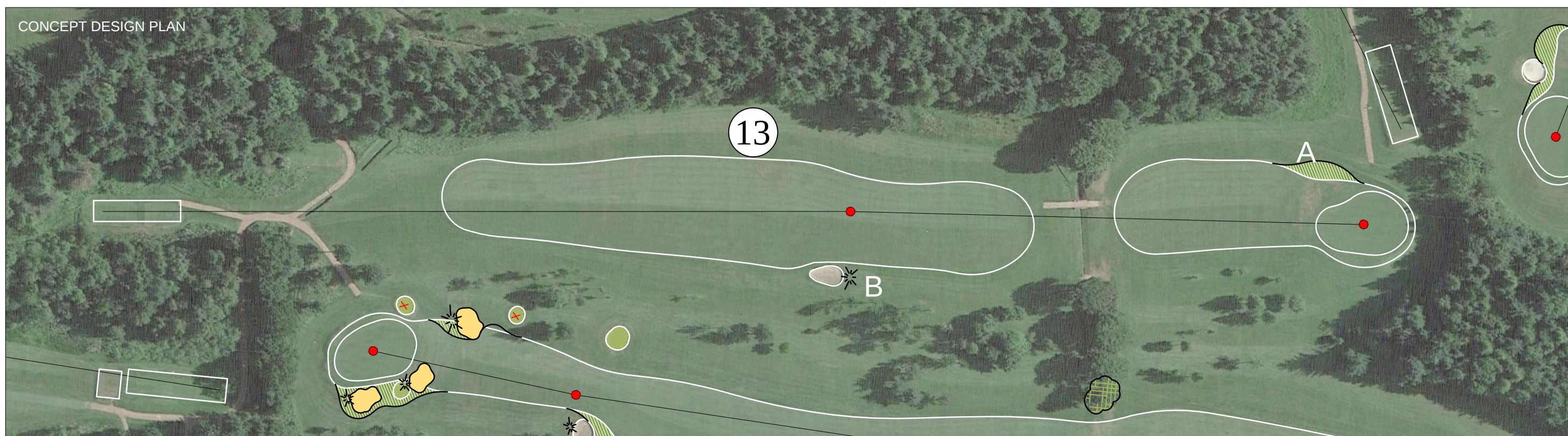


Analytical Hole Review:

Good driving hole where fairway cambers left to right.
Decent size new tee.
Bunker on right side is not overly visible.
Bridge is visually obtrusive directly in the line of play.
Relatively nondescript approach shot to a good sized green that falls away to the right sharply.
The fairway could go slightly left at the approach.
The next tee sits up a bit in the background.

Concept Design Proposal

A. Don't believe that much is required to be done other than push the fairway left at the approach and potentially consider a better placed bridge in the future which is clearly not priority.
B. Perhaps enhance the supporting mounding to ensure the bunker becomes more visible.



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Hole 14, Sine Metu - Par 4
486 - 475 - 409, yards

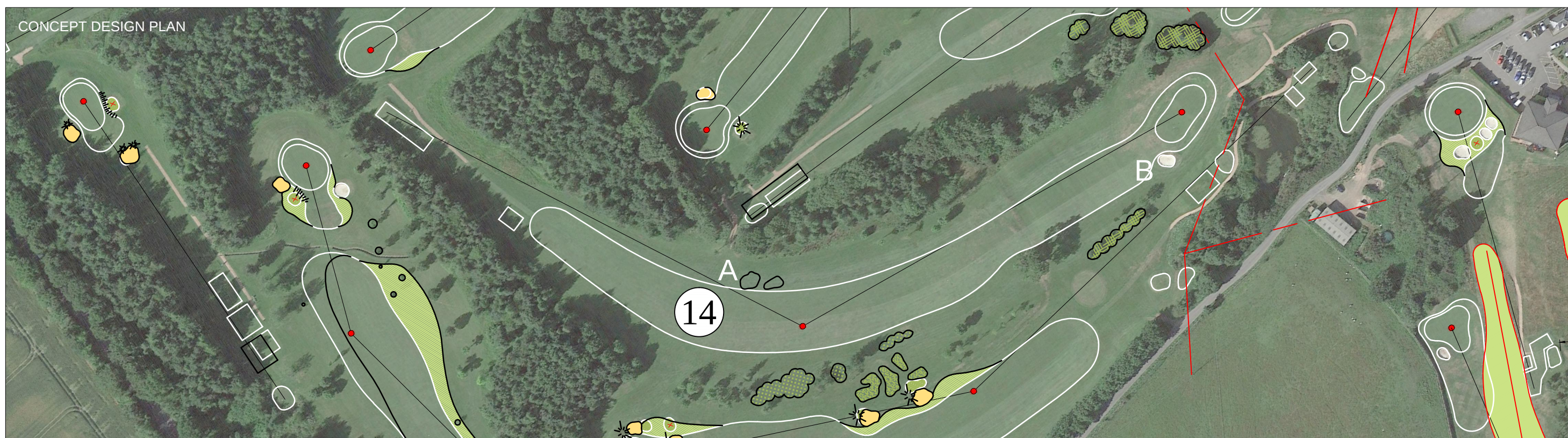


Analytical Hole Review:

Relatively wide uphill tee shot which favours going the shortest route left. The 8th tee is tucked into the left side which is a significant health and safety risk, perhaps feature shaped grassy hollows on the corner would force play to the right slightly. Tough two shots for the longer hitter with very little bale out at the green. The golfer leaves the green to the right side and up the slope, there is a significant health and safety risk in relation to the 9th back tee.

Concept Design Proposal

- A. Create well shaped grass hollow landform features to the left corner with the intent to force play slightly right.
- B. Re-build the front right bunker.



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Hole 15, Airngath - Par 3
139 - 162 - 119, yards

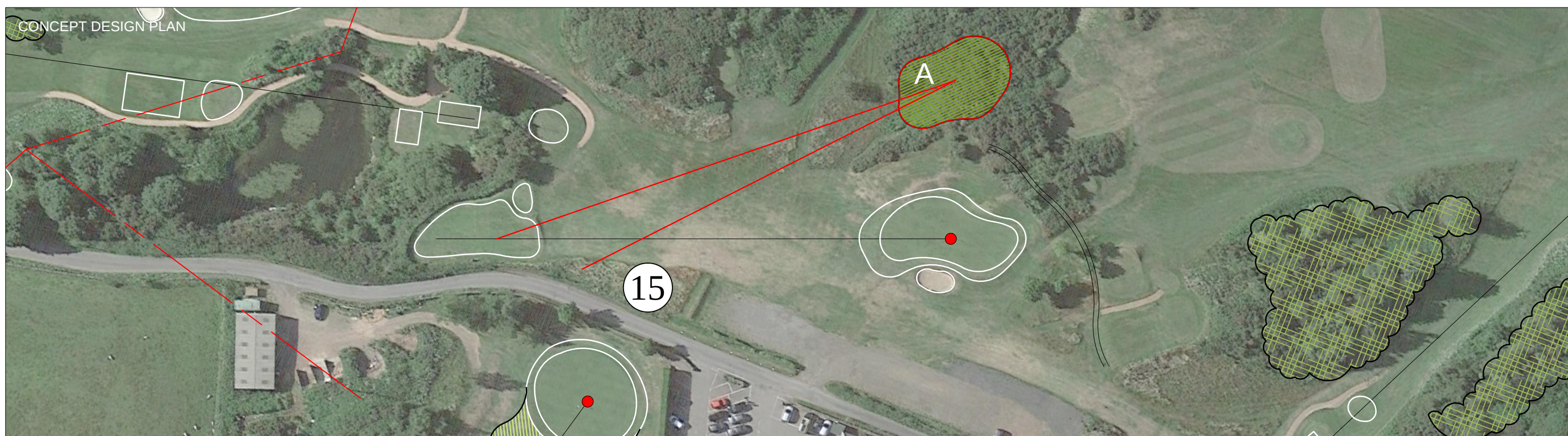


Analytical Hole Review:

There is a significant health and safety issue playing this hole from the main top tee, the road is adjacent on the right side as well as the car park and clubhouse. The overflow parking is very close to the green. Hiding the cars with the small mound is a false sense of security. The overflow car park has been in use on each visit. Playing from the low tee feel slightly safer but there is more of a blind aspect. A sensible solution would be to move the green to the left if the land is suitable once all the scrub has been cleared, this would provide a shot towards the forth and help mitigate the risk. The old green could be kept as a chipping green. On first impression the overflow parking is quite informal and a bit scruffy.

Concept Design Proposal

A. Remove all scrub and assess the opportunity for a new green to the left. The only other alternative would be to create a new par three into the kids course and re route the kids course. This may also give an option to use the old green as a practice chipping green but may need pushed over a bit away from the new hole.



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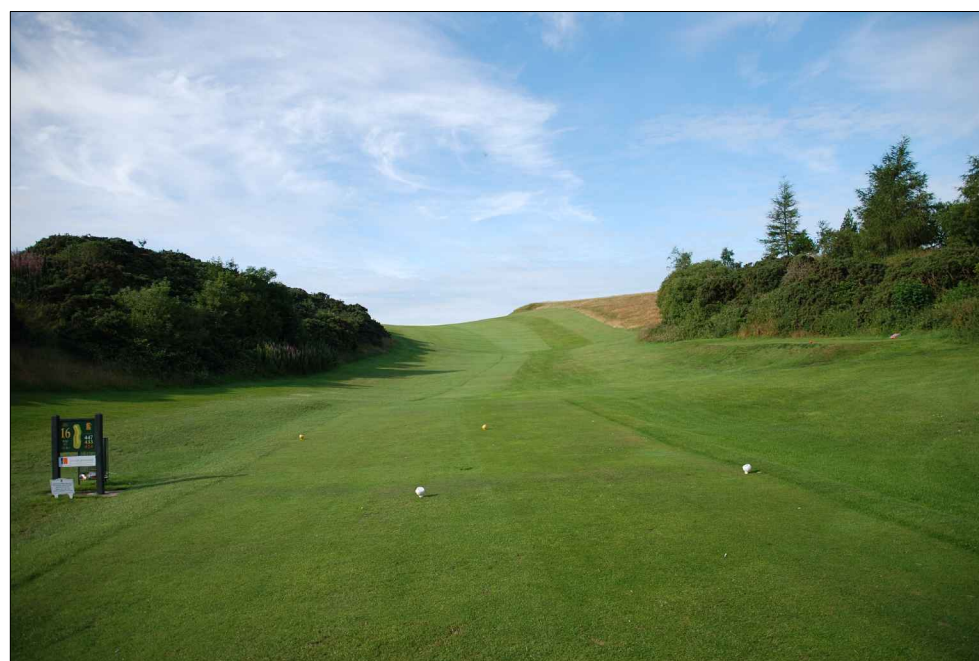


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Hole 16, The Valley - Par 4

447 - 433 - 414, yards

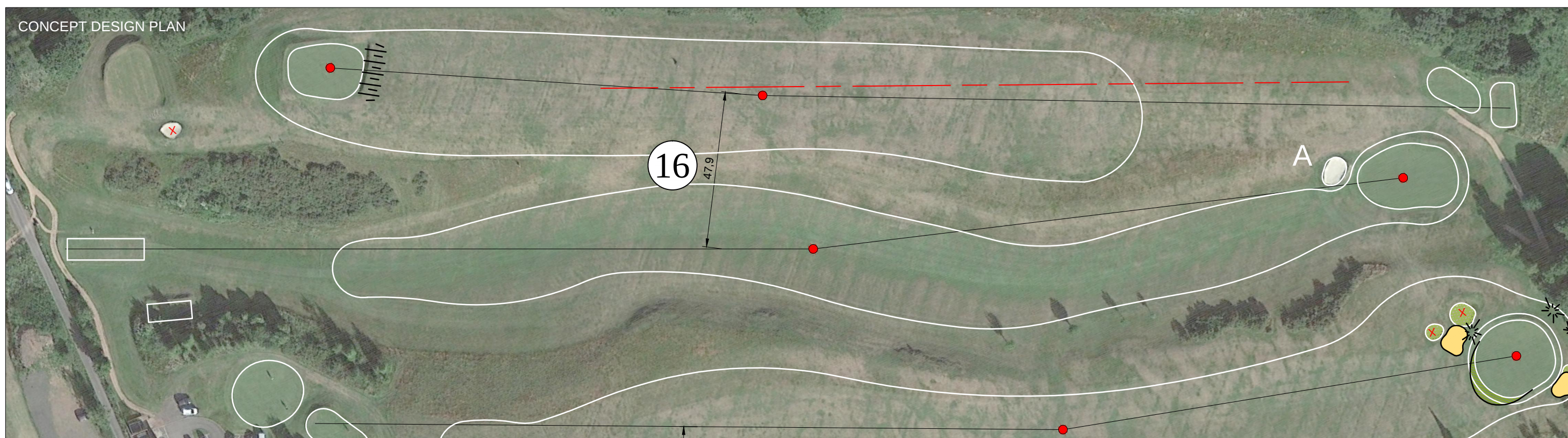


Analytical Hole Review:

Quite a nice tee shot up through the valley, there may be health and safety issues with the group on the tee potentially driving onto the group in front given the element of blindness up on the plateaux.
There is also the risk of being hit from the 1st and 2nd whilst playing the second shot on the 16th.
Stray balls could end up in the valley from both the 1st and the 2nd.
The green side bunker could be re-built to improve shape, style and visual aspect.
The green has quite sharp edges to the back.
Relatively strong golf hole.

Concept Design Proposal

A. Re-build the green side bunker and soften slopes where necessary.



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Hole 17, Monument - Par 4

362 - 354 - 301, yards

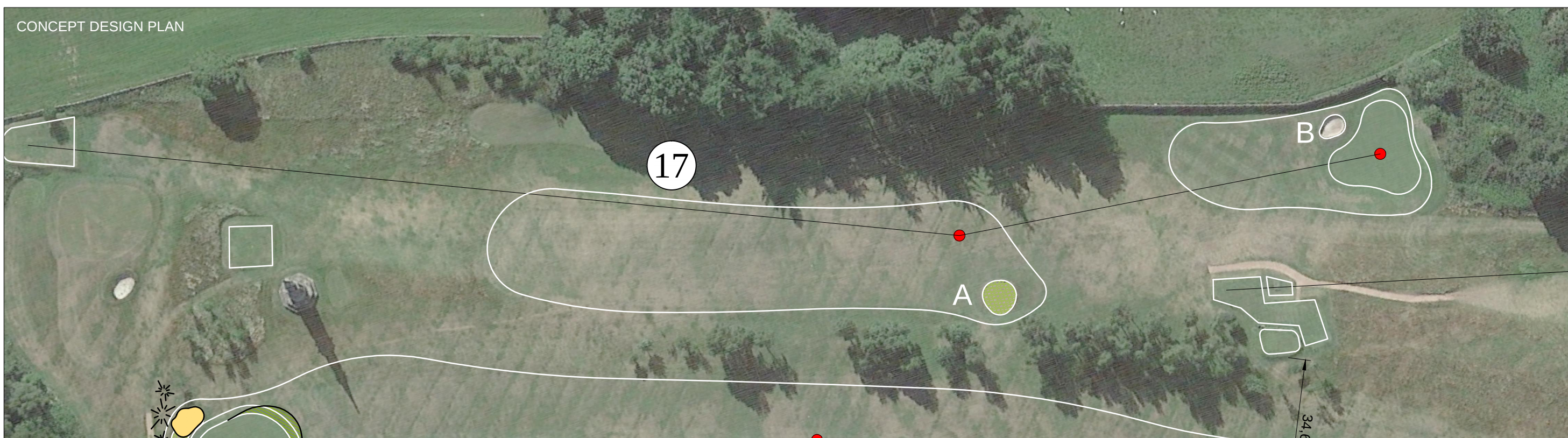


Analytical Hole Review:

Blind tee shot and blind second shot to the green. The right fairway bunker is also blind from the back tee. The 18th tees are very close to the 17th, second shots on seventeen play past and over the 18th tee which is a health and safety issue. Assess options on whether changing the routing can help solve the health and safety issues up top. Given that holes are relatively tight together this may prove difficult.

Concept Design Proposal

- A. Remove the fairway bunker.
- B. Re-build the green side bunker.



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Hole 18, Hame - Par 3
152 - 141 - 132, yards

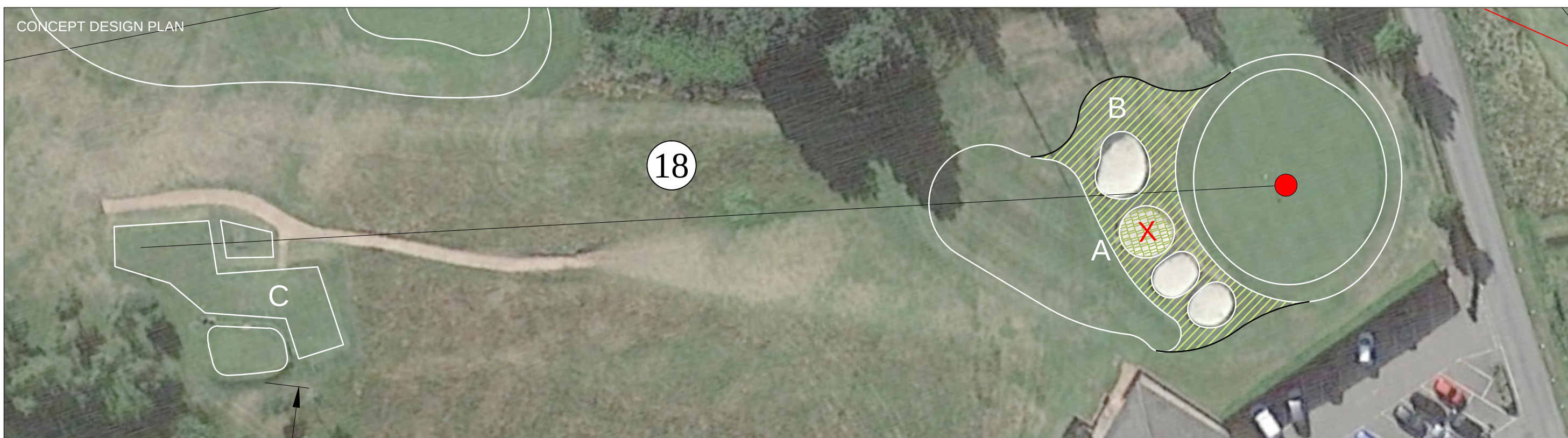


Analytical Hole Review:

There is a significant health and safety issue at the 18th tee where the golfer could be hit from both the 1st and the 17th. This is a concern that may be difficult to resolve and mitigate without significant change.
There is no real bale out with a line of bunkers guarding the green and not much of an apron around the green.
The lallandii hedge is not the prettiest but serves a purpose protecting the parked cars. The clubhouse is also very close to the green.
The tee shot affords a nice view of the firth but the clubhouse slightly detracts the view.
There are a good few teeing area options at different levels which must be difficult to maintain.

Concept Design Proposal

- A. Remove a bunker and re shape the rest to improve playability, shape, style and the visual aspect.
- B. Improve the aprons and run in to the green.
- C. Consolidate the teeing areas to ease maintenance.



Scale, 1:1000@A3



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CONCLUSION

Rennie Design Ltd have spent productive days on site at West Lothian Golf Club carrying out the initial field survey analysis, this was then followed by desk studies of the findings to help develop the analysis documentation and form concepts. Analytical evaluation of any given golf course is carried out in a professional manner assessing a wide variety of key points such as playing strategy, playability for all categories and levels of golfer, landscape character, health and safety aspects, key playing angles, bunker placement and positioning, landform, maintenance, path network, slope, drainage and the like. Professional external thoughts and opinions were noted and assessed, in turn providing more robust views and comments.

Golf Course Statement

West Lothian Golf club sits on the Bonnytounhill between Boness and Linlithgow affording fantastic views across the Firth of Forth both west and east. The original 9 hole course was laid out by Willie Park Jnr, some features still exists but the routing has very much changed. The course expanded and opened in 1979, designed by Fraser M. Middleton. There are two course set ups, one being the summer and one being a much shorter winter version which avoids wetter winter ground.

The top 5 holes of the course are relatively open and dry where the holes have been laid out upon the land with minimal earthworks being carried out to create green, tee and bunker features. This part of the course is quite tight and has a few additional greens dotted about which are used in the winter layout. The lower part of the course is quite different in character, with wider, longer holes predominantly lined by newly planted dense woodland which has partly been unmanaged through time. The current green staff have started making efforts to clear areas which has enhanced views, along with air and light flow.

One of the main areas of focus is the playing strategy and visual interest from hole to hole where bunkering/hazards tend to be the main discussion point. One of the key objective would be to create consistency in the bunker style, size, visual aspect and construction make up, this helps bring the overall golf course together and makes the experience of playing more enjoyable. Rennie Design Ltd believe that the visibility of bunkering/hazards is an important aspect on any golf course and measure to improve this at West Lothian Golf Club should be implemented where possible.

This initial analytical report has looked at the existing golf course/holes in detail, highlighting opportunities and constraints that have then been explored further and developed into masterplan for display.

Recommendations/Suggestions

Rennie Design Ltd are delighted to be the golf course architect of choice at West Lothian Golf Club and look forward to assisting further with the implementation of the agreed concepts. The following highlights the main recommendations and suggestions:

- Create consistency in bunker style, shape, size, relationship with greens and strategy.
- Improve health and safety aspect where possible.
- Improve textured rough cut lines, reducing maintenance and improving visual aspect in out of play areas.
- Tree, scrub and landscape management throughout.
- Enhance strategy throughout.
- Re-build a number of greens and potentially tees.

Next Stage

Agree a phased plan for future development works where Rennie Design Ltd can assist with cost estimates and supervise a recommended specialist golf course shaper for bunkers and bigger pieces of work. Rennie Design Ltd are hear to help throughout the process and look forward to working with the club to deliver high quality enhancements moving forward.